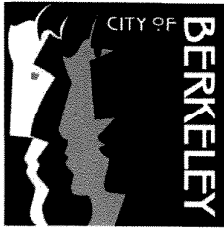


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Peace and Justice Commission

CONSENT CALENDAR

December 10, 2002

To: Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

From: Peace and Justice Commission

Subject: Council Rules of Procedure and Creation of a Rules Committee and Appointment
of Members

RECOMMENDATION

There has been insufficient time to consider the implications of the proposed Resolution to amend the Council Rules of Procedure in order to create a Rules Committee and to make other changes. The Peace and Justice Commission requests that no action be taken for 60 days, and that members of the City's boards and commissions and the public be given an opportunity to provide input.

BACKGROUND

At its meeting of December 9, 2002, the Peace and Justice Commission received a copy of the agenda report for the City Council meeting of December 10, 2002 from Mayor Tom Bates proposing that Council adopt a Resolution to amend the Council Rules of Procedure in order to create a Rules Committee and make other changes. This was the first opportunity that the Commission had to review the proposal. The proposal has major implications on how the City conducts its business and receives input from its boards and commissions. This proposal is coming to the Council without adequate analysis and prior to the consideration and input of all segments of the affected community, boards and commissions. As a result, the Peace and Justice Commission passed the following motion:

M/S/C (*Freedkin, Cohen*) The Peace and Justice Commission recommends that the City Council defer action on the proposed Council Rules Committee for 60 days and solicit input from the Citizen Commissions and the public before proceeding. The Citizen Commission process in Berkeley is a model for democratic governance admired around the world, and should not be amended in haste. Ayes: Unanimous; Absent: Barari, Weinberg (*David*), Weinberg (*Micki*).


FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

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